

August 30, 2021

Ms. Sheryl Long  
Assistant City Manager  
Office of the City Manager  
801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Ms. Long:

I write on behalf of the University of Cincinnati regarding the removal of the temporary bike lanes on Clifton Avenue between Martin Luther King Drive and Calhoun Street. This temporary installation exceeded the mutually agreed upon date of removal of August 1<sup>st</sup>. As it stands, these temporary lanes impact safety, traffic congestion, and campus operations.

We have serious concerns for the safety and well-being of our campus community and surrounding neighborhoods. For the ninth consecutive year, UC enjoys record enrollment and we welcomed thousands of new students, friends, and families back to campus for full, in-person programming. The increased number of students, faculty, staff, and community members that are moving in and around campus are at increased risk due to the congestion on Clifton Ave. The temporary bike lane is hazardous to the community because of confusion over how to maneuver it. Further, UC broke ground on a large-scale capital construction project sited on Clifton Avenue between Campus Drive and Clifton court to the benefit of the university and surrounding community. The construction signage, blockades, and heavy equipment traffic entering and exiting across the temporary bike lanes make it difficult to navigate as the temporary lanes intentionally direct cyclists to cross paths with construction and automobile traffic.

The University is committed to developing integrated solutions that support multimodal transportation around campus that promotes the safety of all users and is very supportive of the collaborative vision for "complete street" ideas on Clifton Avenue and for the Uptown area. We welcome the opportunity for a conversation with all interested partners to work on solutions that do not pose the immediate safety concerns we currently face.

Sincerely,



James Whalen  
Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police  
University of Cincinnati

cc: John Brazina